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SUBJECT: GDR COMMENTS ON 6TH SESSION OF THE LOS CONFERENCE  
AND ON BILATERAL FISHING ISSUES

REF: STATE 169685; SOFIA 1815

1. IN RESPONSE TO THE TEXT OF AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON'S  
JULY 20 PRESS CONFERENCE SENT HIM ON JULY 22, GDR DEPUTY  
FOREIGN MINISTER MOLDT INVITED DCM ON AUG 23 TO DISCUSS  
LOS MATTERS. (GUNTER GOERNER, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF GDR  
LOS DELEGATION ALSO PARTICIPATED.) MOLDT PREFACED HIS  
REMARKS BY SAYING HE HAD JUST RETURNED FROM A DEPUTY  
FOREIGN MINISTERS CONFERENCE AT SOFIA AT WHICH THE  
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"SOCIALIST STATES" HAD DISCUSSED THE UPCOMING UNGA SESSION.  
ACCORDING TO MOLDT, THERE WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT THE  
"SOCIALIST COUNTRIES" SHOULD CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR DETENTE,  
DISARMAMENT, AND SOLUTIONS TO AFRICAN QUESTIONS. WHEN  
ASKED IF WE COULD EXPECT NEW PROPOSALS ON DISARMAMENT OR  
OTHER ISSUES AT THE UNGA, MOLDT SAID IT WAS TOO SOON TO  
TELL, ADDING THAT THE EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES WOULD

STRESS AVOIDING CONTROVERSY AT THE UN AND PRESS FORWARD WITH DETENTE.

2. WITH RESPECT TO THE 6TH SESSION OF THE LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE, MOLDT SAID THE MFA WAS STILL STUDYING THE DOCUMENTATION FROM THE MEETING. THEREFORE, THERE WAS NO AUTHORITATIVE GDR POSITION YET. AT THE SAME TIME HE SAID THE GDR WAS GENERALLY PLEASED WITH THE WAY THINGS HAD WORKED OUT ON THE STRAITS ISSUE; SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND THE REGIME OF THE ECONOMIC ZONE.

3. THE GDR'S MAIN COMPLAINT IS THAT THE TREATY TEXT AS IT NOW STANDS DOES NOT ADEQUATELY TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE NEEDS AND CONCERNS OF THE LAND-LOCKED AND GEOGRAPHICALLY DISADVANTAGED STATES, OF WHICH THE GDR IS ONE. MOLDT SAID FURTHER WORK WOULD HAVE TO BE DONE, AS FAR AS THE GDR IS CONCERNED, IN ORDER BETTER TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE CONCERNS OF SUCH STATES, PARTICULARLY IN MATTERS LIKE FISHING RIGHTS. MANY OF HIS REMARKS WERE DEVOTED TO THE GDR'S NEED TO MAINTAIN ITS TRADITIONAL FISHING RIGHTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING ENOUGH PROTEIN FOR ITS POPULATION. THE GDR WAS CONCERNED THAT IT WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO MAINTAIN THE VOLUME OF ITS CATCH. HE URGED GREATER UNDERSTANDING, PARTICULARLY ON THE PART OF THE UNITED STATES, IN SUCH MATTERS.

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4. WITH RESPECT TO THE SEABED MINING ISSUE, MOLDT SAID THIS WAS OF NO GREAT CONCERN TO THE GDR, SINCE THEY WERE NOT IN A POSITION TO DO SEABED MINING. AT THE SAME TIME, HE THOUGHT THIS PORTION OF THE DOCUMENT REQUIRED FURTHER ELABORATION AND PRECISION. WHEN ASKED IF HE CONSIDERED THE CURRENT FORMULATION A STEP FORWARD OR A STEP BACKWARD, MOLDT SAID HE WOULD NOT CHARACTERIZE IT EITHER WAY, ONLY THAT IT NEEDED FURTHER CLARIFICATION. BY WAY OF ELABORATION, HE SAID THERE SHOULD BE A CLEARER EXPRESSION OF THE RIGHTS OF STATES TO CONDUCT SEABED MINING.

5. HE SUGGESTED THAT, BEFORE THE NEXT LOS MEETING, IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE GDR AND THE US ON VARIOUS ISSUES IN ORDER TO AVOID UNNECESSARY DIFFERENCES OF OPINION FROM ARISING AT THE CONFERENCE. HE INDICATED THAT WHEN THE GDR HAD COMPLETED ITS REVIEW PROCESS, THE MFA MIGHT BE BACK IN TOUCH WITH US TO GIVE US THEIR FURTHER VIEWS. DCM WELCOMED THE OPPORTUNITY FOR CONTINUED CONTACT, POINTING OUT THE EMBASSY'S POLITICAL COUNSELOR (ESKIN) HAD JUST COME FROM THE US LOS DELEGATION AND THEREFORE WE HAD A WELL QUALIFIED OFFICER TO DISCUSS ISSUES THAT MIGHT ARISE IN

CONNECTION WITH THE LOS DELIBERATIONS. MOLDT WELCOMED THE OPPORTUNITY FOR CONTINUED INFORMAL CONTACTS ON THE ISSUE.

6. COMMENT: MOLDT'S MAIN PURPOSE IN THE MEETING APPEARED TO BE TO STRESS THE GDR'S DESIRE FOR UNDERSTANDING ON THEIR FISHERIES PROBLEM. WHILE THE FISHERIES ISSUE AND THE LOS CONFERENCE ARE NOT DIRECTLY RELATED, THE EMBASSY BELIEVES IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO BE ABLE TO EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH THE MFA ON LOS QUESTIONS AND WOULD WELCOME APPROPRIATE GUIDANCE ON MATTERS WE MIGHT TAKE UP BEFORE THE NEXT LOS SESSION. BOLEN

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